

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 8, 2004  
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	*Horatio Skeet, Litchfield Park
Randy Allenstein for Andrew Smith, ADOT	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Carnell Thurman, Avondale	Kevin Wallace, Mesa
*Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
Dan Cook, Chandler	*Burton Charron, Peoria
*Richard Stuart, Gila Bend	Elaine Cabrera for Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-
Michael Vinson, Gila River Indian Community	Maricopa Indian Community
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	*Robert Brown, Scottsdale
Dan Sherwood, Glendale	*Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Ronald Sievwright for Charles Hydeman,	Larry Shobe, Tempe
Goodyear	Richard Rawnsley for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

\*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Christina Herrera, Maricopa County	Paul Ward, MAG
Stephen Tate, MAG	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the April 13, 2004, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

There were no requests to speak to the Committee during this part of the agenda.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward briefed the Committee on the reauthorization of the Federal surface transportation act. Congress, so far, has extended TEA-21 nine months to avoid disruptions during the reauthorization

process. Both the Senate and House of Representatives had passed separate reauthorization bills that must be reconciled by a conference committee made up of members from both legislative bodies. The reconciled bill must then be approved by both the Senate and the House and be approved by the President.

He noted that, as of the date of the meeting, the conference committee had met, but no significant actions had been reported. As both bills have different funding levels and these funding levels exceed that desired by the President, it may prove to be a difficult to enact a new bill this year. It is likely that a further, short-term, extension will be necessary.

5. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Stephen Tate began by distributing two reports: one on the status of FY 2004 and FY 2005 MAG Federally funded projects and a second report on projects for which a request for deferral had been received. He requested that members review the two reports and provide him with updates or corrections after the meeting.

He then briefly discussed the time line for obligating FY 2004 projects. He noted that the last opportunity to reprogram projects would be at the Regional Council meeting **on July 28, 2004**. In order to assure that project are authorized, 95 percent plans and all final documents necessary to obtain environmental, right-of-way and utilities clearances should be submitted to ADOT **by August 2, 2004**. He concluded by noting that the Federal Highway Administration normally would not consider applications to obligate projects after the second week in September as the agency needed time to close out the federal fiscal year.

6. Federal Fiscal Year 2004 Closeout and Reprogramming Requests

Mr. Ward discussed the closeout process. He noted that approximately \$25 million was available for reprogramming and that \$36 million had been requested by MAG member agencies. He added that additional amounts may become available near the end of the federal fiscal year through the redistribution of unused obligation authority. Because of this, additional projects might be needed.

7. MAG FY 2006-2010 TIP Guidance Report Development

Mr. Ward indicated that the a draft version of the TIP Guidance Report would (TGR) be distributed soon and that the draft report was expected to be approved by the Regional Council by the end of July. The TGR includes a schedule for the development of the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and estimates of federal funding available to member agencies for projects.

Assuming that the passage of the half-cent sales tax extension occurs, programming for street projects will be conducted as part of a life-cycle program for street widenings and intersection improvements. Because of this, member agencies will not be asked to submit street project requests for federal funding. Requests for dirt road paving projects will likely be addressed by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. It was noted that the role of the Street Committee concerning the regional arterial program was unclear at present, but was expected to be significant in the future.

8. Update of Federal Functional Classifications

Stephen Tate distributed a table of reclassification requests. He noted that, so far, 663 request had been received and that it would be necessary to consolidate the requests prior to submitting to ADOT and that it would be desirable to review the requests informally with ADOT and the FHWA prior to submitting them.

Mr. Tate suggested that the item come back to the Committee for additional review in July and the Chairman concurred. Mr. Ward reported that, although it was possible for MAG to provide concurrence with the list of requests that agencies had provided in the time frame originally envisioned, in working with ADOT and the FHWA Arizona office, all parties had agreed that it would be more beneficial to review all of the requests at the regional level and to provide a graduated list of roadways to ADOT for consideration.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.